IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of   :

Osamu NISHIMURA et al.   :   **Attn: BOX PCT**

Serial No. 09/806,871   :   **Docket No. 2001_0291A**

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METHOD FOR REMOVING N-TERMINAL METHIONINE
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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
    Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

      This is responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated May 23, 2001.

      The Notice to File Missing Parts requires the filing of an executed Declaration and the Sequence Listing in paper and computer readable form.

      However, the executed Declaration and Sequence Listing in paper and computer readable form have been previously filed on May 7, 2001. Copies of the executed Declaration and its cover, Sequence Listing and its cover letter are enclosed herewith. A copy of the PTO postcard receipt is also enclosed. It is noted that the PTO fee for filing the executed Declaration was also concurrently submitted on May 7, 2001.

      Issuance of the Official Filing Receipt is accordingly requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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